the requirements of the TRAI and willing to join the Authority on deputation. Accordingly, the vacant posts in TRAI have been circulated among all the concerned Ministries/Departments and PSUs as per clause 13 of the Regulation. These circulars are also placed on TRAI's official website.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.

(e) No, Sir. TRAI has not made any pre-selection from Department of telecommunications and/or Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Selections in all grades/posts by TRAI are made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the TRAI (Officers and Staff Appointment) Regulations, 2001.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

National Commission on Libraries

1884. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Knowledge Commission has recommended for a National Commission on Libraries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Knowledge Commission recommended that some mandatory percentage by Union and State Governments should be earmarked for libraries in their annual Budgets as has been done in the case of North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, the details thereon; and

(d) the action that has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Knowledge Commission (NKC) submits its recommendations in the form of letters to the Prime Minister on specific issues under its mandate. So far, the NKC has submitted eleven sets of recommendations including Libraries.

The recommendations of the NKC on Libraries are as follows:

- Set up a National Commission on Libraries
- Prepare a National census of all Libraries

- Revamp Library Information Science (LIS) Education, Training and Research facilities
- Re-assess staffing of libraries
- Set up a Central Library Fund
- Modernise library management, encourage greater community participation in library management
- Promote Information Communication Technology (ICT) applications in all libraries
- Facilitate donation and maintenance of private collections
- Encourage Public Private Partnerships in LIS development

The Chairman has suggested setting up a permanent independent and financially autonomous National Commission on Libraries. The Report talks about "setting up a Central Library Fund. A specified percentage of the Central and the State Education Budgets must be earmarked for libraries. In addition, a Central Library Fund should be instituted for upgrading existing libraries over a period of 3-5 years. The initial funding from then Government may be Rs. 1,000 crore, which may be matched by the private sector through corporate philanthropy. This fund should be administered by the National Mission/Commission on Libraries".

(d) The Planning Commission has forwarded the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission regarding Libraries to the concerned Ministries/Department for their comments.

National road safety policy

1885. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number and percentage of persons getting injured or killed in road accidents is rising continuously in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to implement National Road Safety Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?